

REMARKS

Claims 1–12 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, and 12 are original. Claims 3–6, 8, and 11 are as previously presented. Claims 13 and 16–19 are withdrawn. Claims 14 and 15 are cancelled.

The Applicant hereby restricts this application to Group I, claims 1–12, drawn to an arterivirus having at least some of its original arteriviral nucleic acid encoding ORF-7 deleted.

The Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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